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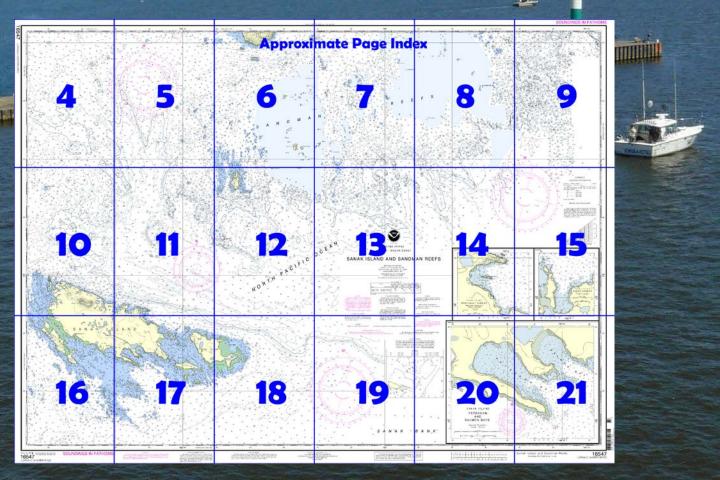
## Sanak Island and Sandman Reefs NOAA Chart 16547



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#### What is a BookletChart<sup>™</sup>?

This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

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### (Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)

Sanak Islands, the southwesternmost group of islands along the Alaska Peninsula, cover an area 20 miles long and 10 miles wide. The group consists of two large islands, Sanak and Caton, and numerous small islands and rocks, all of which are bare of trees

**Sanak Peak**, part of the mountain mass at the NW end of Sanak Island, is 1,740 feet high and a prominent landfall. A 787-foot peak, 1.5 miles to the NW, is often visible

when Sanak Peak is obscured by clouds. A ridge rises to more than 200 feet on the E side of the mountain mass, but most of the remaining land area in the group is low in comparison, being over 100 feet high on the

N side, decreasing to less than 40 feet high among the S islands and rocks

**Anchorage.**—Anchorage at Sanak Islands is suitable for small or moderate-sized vessels. Caton Harbor affords the only shelter from all winds.

**Dangers.**–Dangers along the N side of Sanak Islands are within 0.5 mile of the shore, except **Crowley Rock**, 1.5 miles offshore **348°** from Sanak Peak. This rock has several small pinnacles with a least depth of ½ fathom over them. The rock, not always marked by kelp, only breaks in a disturbed sea and occasionally shows a prominent slick.

Foul ground of numerous reefs, islands, islets, shoals, and covered and uncovered rocks extends almost 6 miles S and over 12 miles W of Sanak Islands; heavy breakers extend a considerable distance offshore. **Aleks Rock**, 16.7 miles **241°** from Sanak Peak, is covered 1½ fathoms and is the farthest outlying known rock SW of Sanak Islands. A 7½-fathom pinnacle is 4 miles N of the rock.

The harbors on the S side of the Sanak Islands, except possibly Peterson Bay, should not be approached without local knowledge.

**Caton Island**, at the E end of the Sanak group, is rolling and grass covered. Most of the beaches are composed of rocky ledges, or boulders and gravel. Steep and prominent bluffs are on the NW point. The low E side and the S side of the island are fringed with rocky ledges up to 1 mile offshore.

Whale Bay, on the NE side of Caton Island, is extremely shoal. Temporary anchorage in S winds can be had W of Caton Island and S of Lida Island. Approaching the anchorage from E, stand in near the visible rocks off the E end of Lida Island, taking care to avoid the partially covered reef, nearly 0.5 mile E of Lida Island, that extends N from Caton Island. Anchor about 0.4 mile from Caton Island, and 0.3 to 0.5 mile S of Lida Island, in 6 to 7 fathoms, sandy bottom. Care should be taken not to approach the S side of the anchorage.

If the anchorage S of Lida Island is approached from W, steer for the SW side of Caton Island on **144°**, passing about 0.5 mile S of Lida Island, and leaving a rock that uncovers, 0.5 mile N from Wanda Island, about 0.4 mile on the starboard hand, and anchor as directed above. The W end of Lida Island should not be approached closer than 0.5 mile.

**Caton Harbor**, between Sanak Island on the E and Caton Island on the W, is large and affords anchorage in 2 to 3 fathoms, sandy bottom; it is protected on the S by **Elma Island** and on the N by the islands and reefs between Caton Island and Sanak Island. The harbor is protected from all swells, and schooners of considerable size have wintered here. These waters provide the best all-weather anchorage for small vessels in the Sanak Islands. Water in small quantities may be obtained.

**Princess Rock**, off the W end of the islet in the center of Caton Harbor, is the most prominent feature in the vicinity. It is high and grassy on top; extensive reefs surround the rock.

To enter Caton Harbor from the S through **Devils Pass**, W from Elma Island, or through **Southeast Pass**, E of Elma Island, requires local knowledge to avoid the reefs and breakers. These passes should not be attempted by a stranger. Surveys indicate a controlling depth of 1½ fathoms in the approach to Devils Pass with deeper water through the narrow part of the pass. Tide rips in Devils Pass are at times dangerous to small craft.

**Finneys Bay**, at the NE end of Sanak Island, is obstructed by rocks; steep and prominent rocky bluffs are NW of the bay

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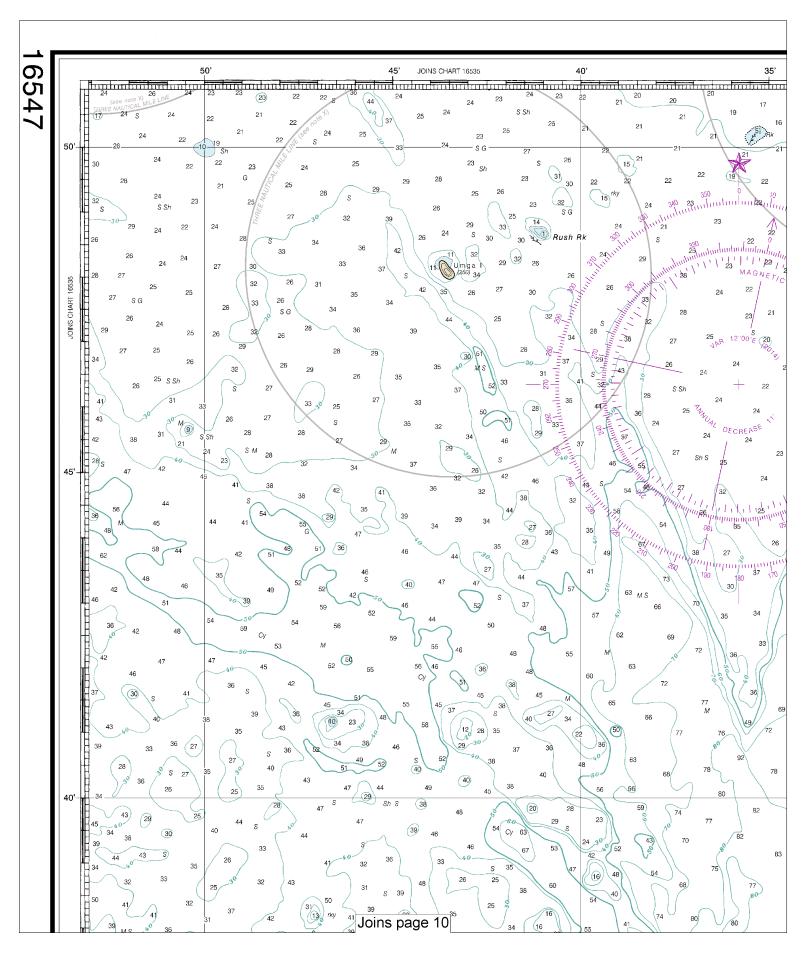
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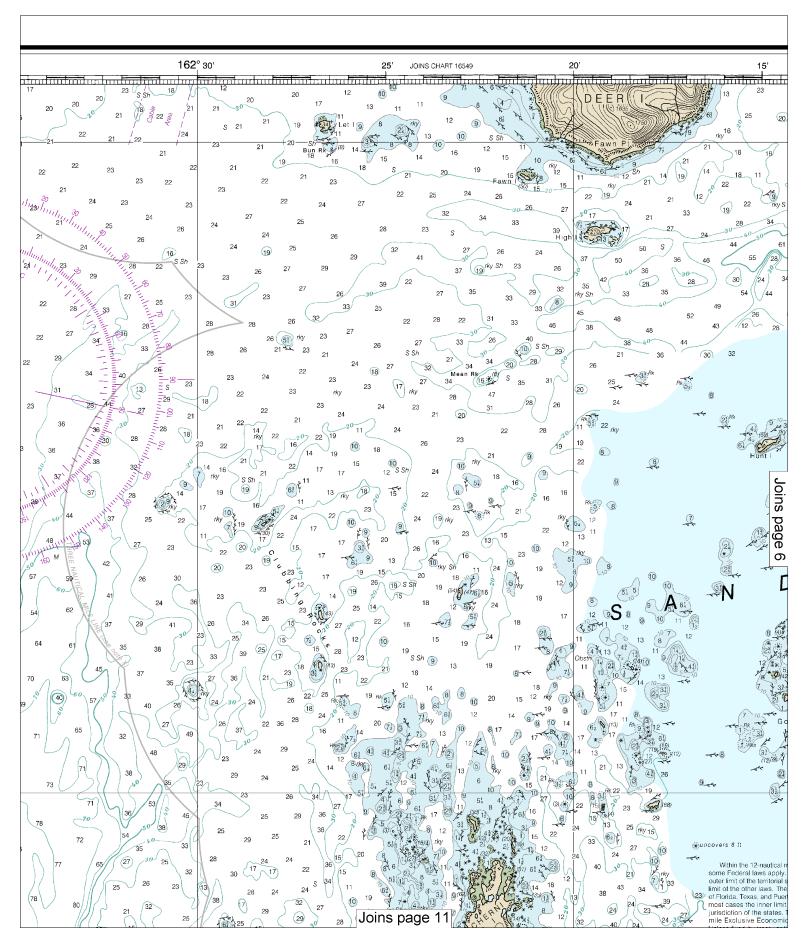
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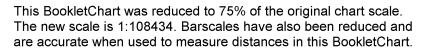
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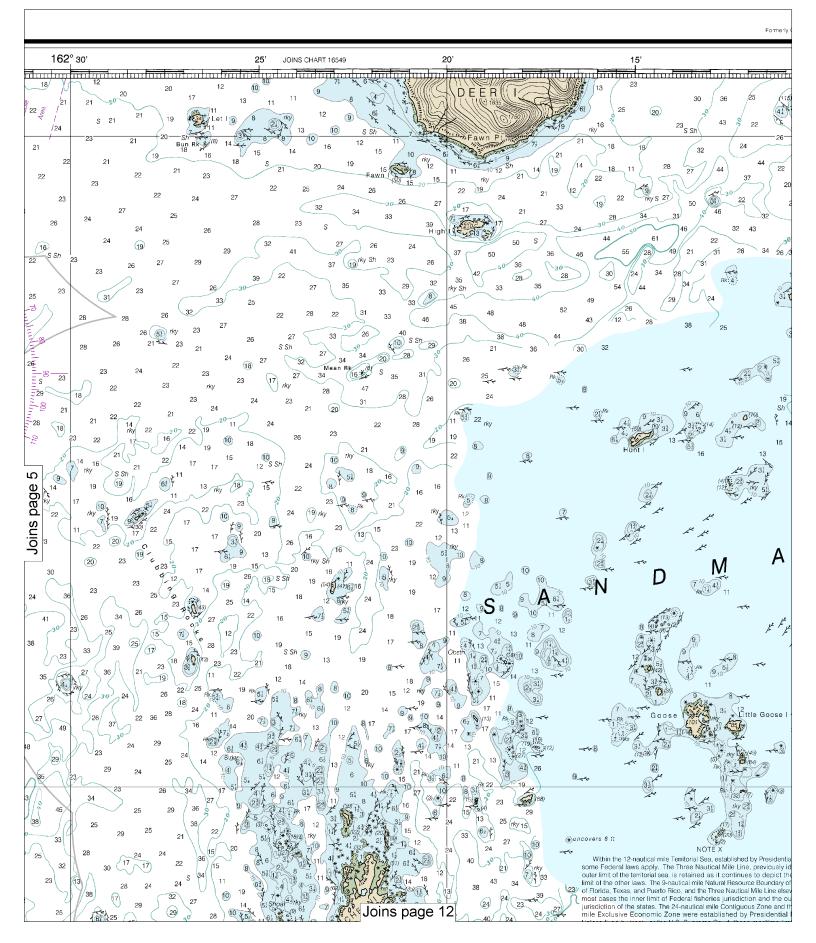




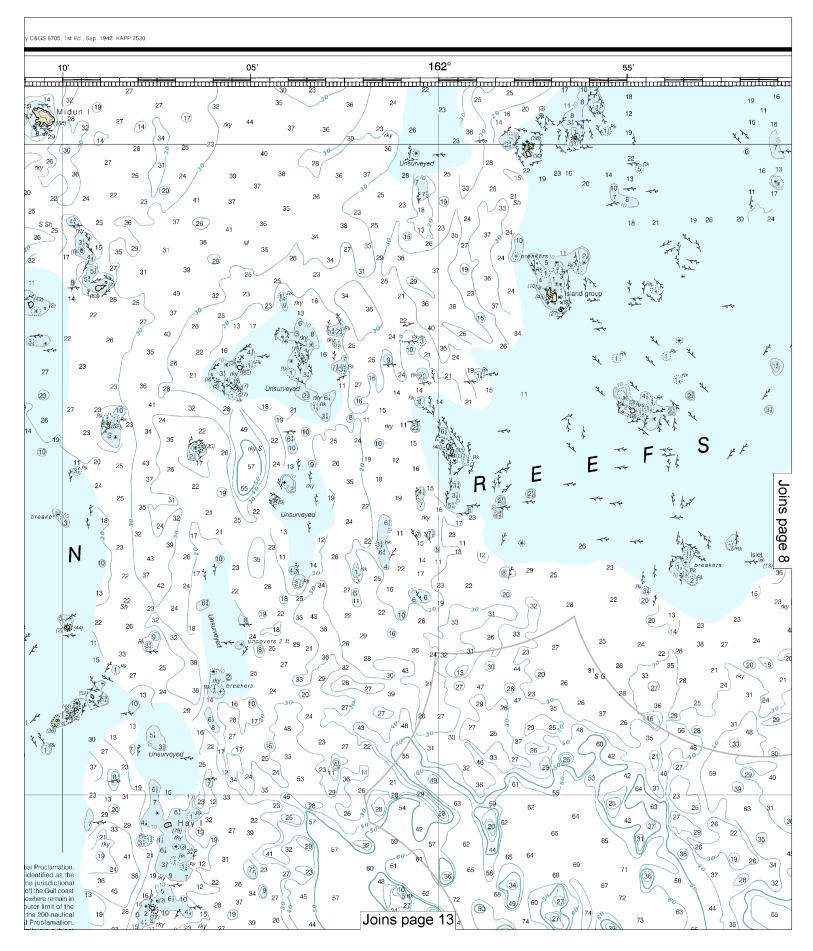


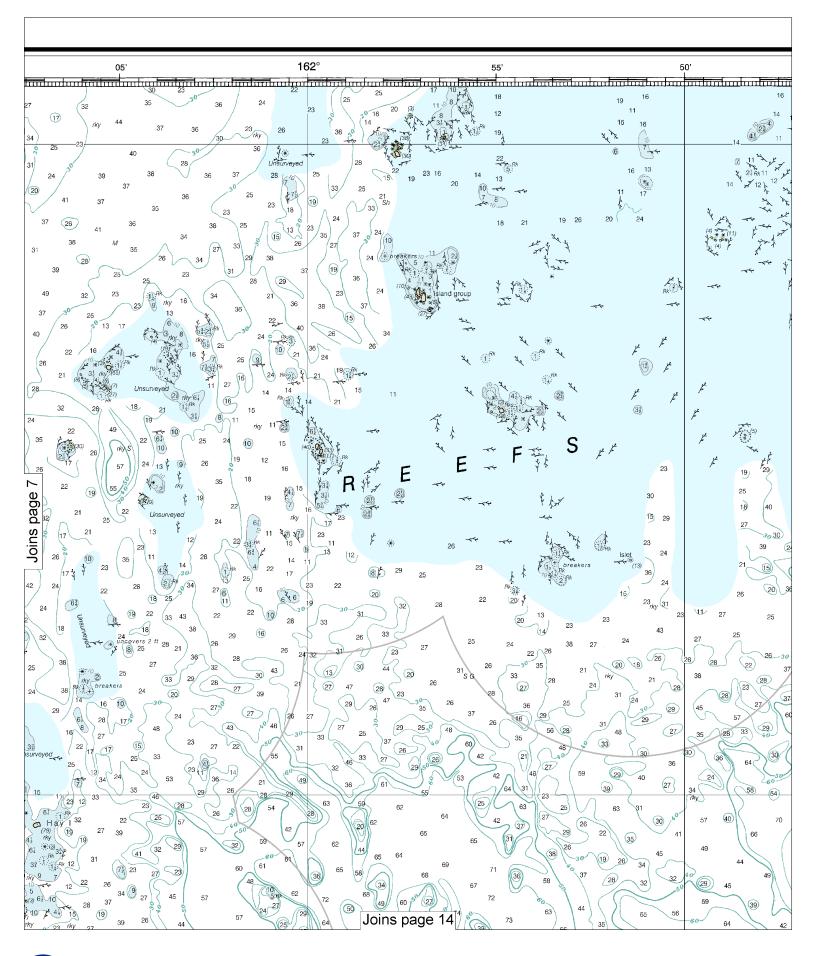








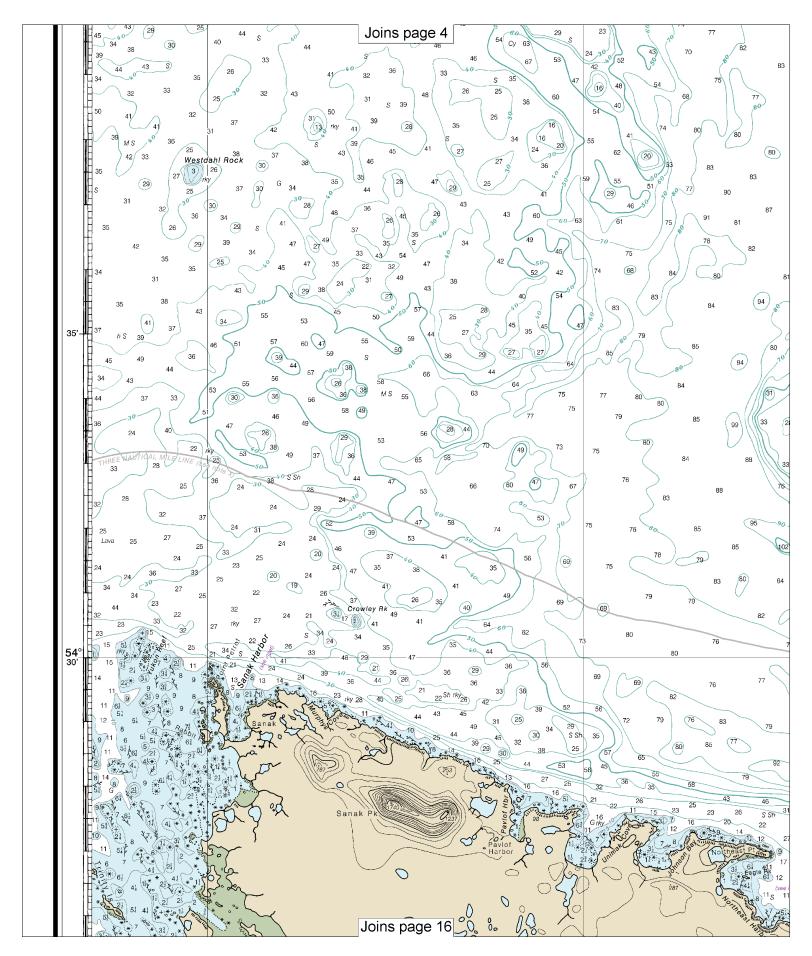




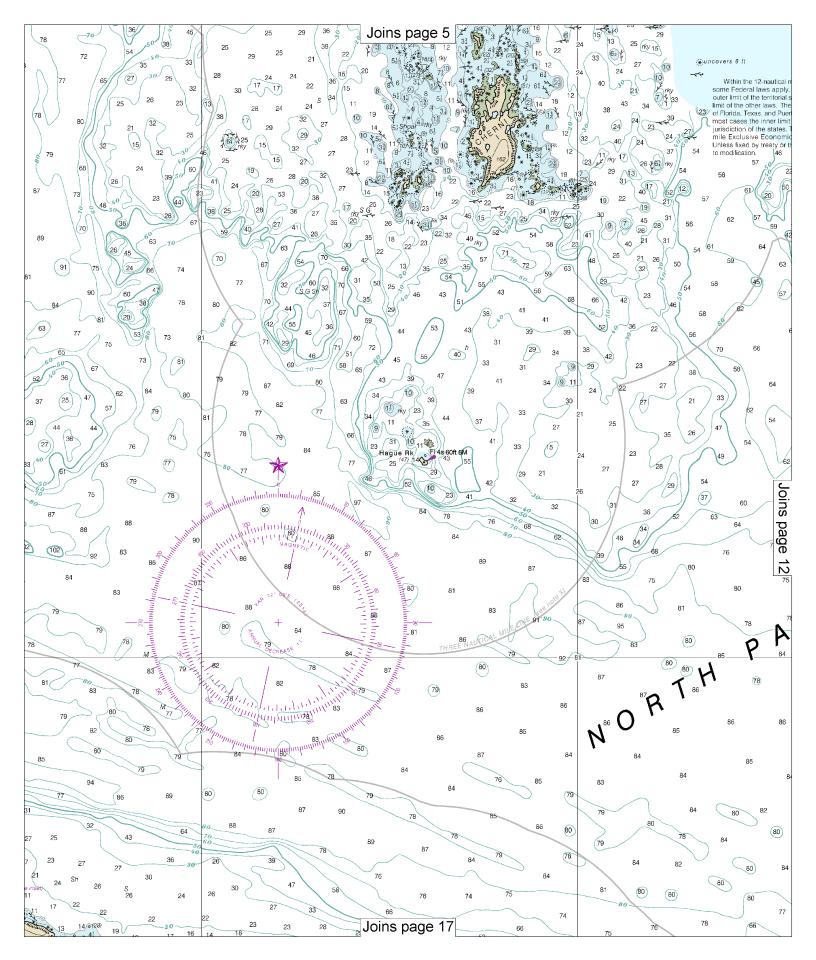


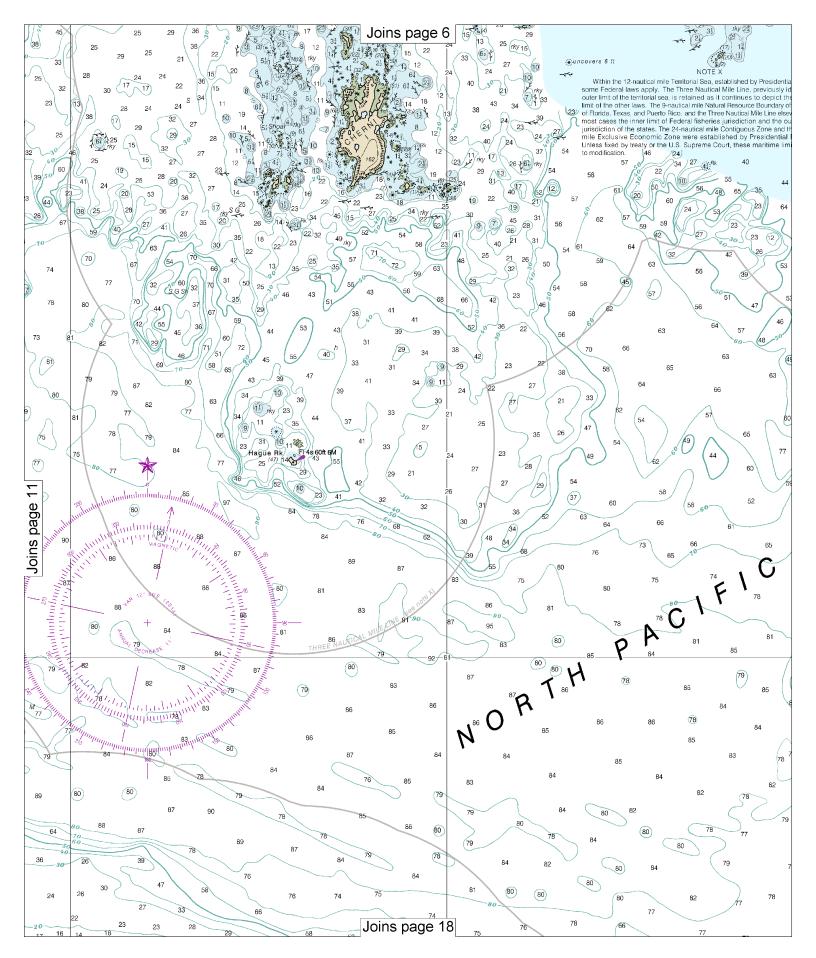
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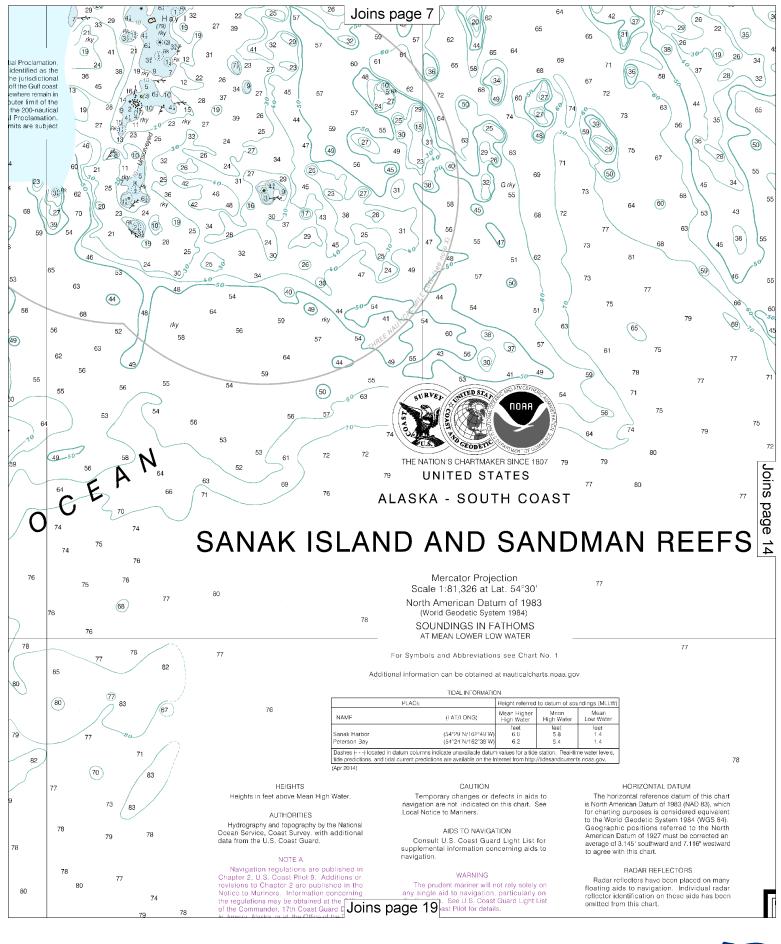


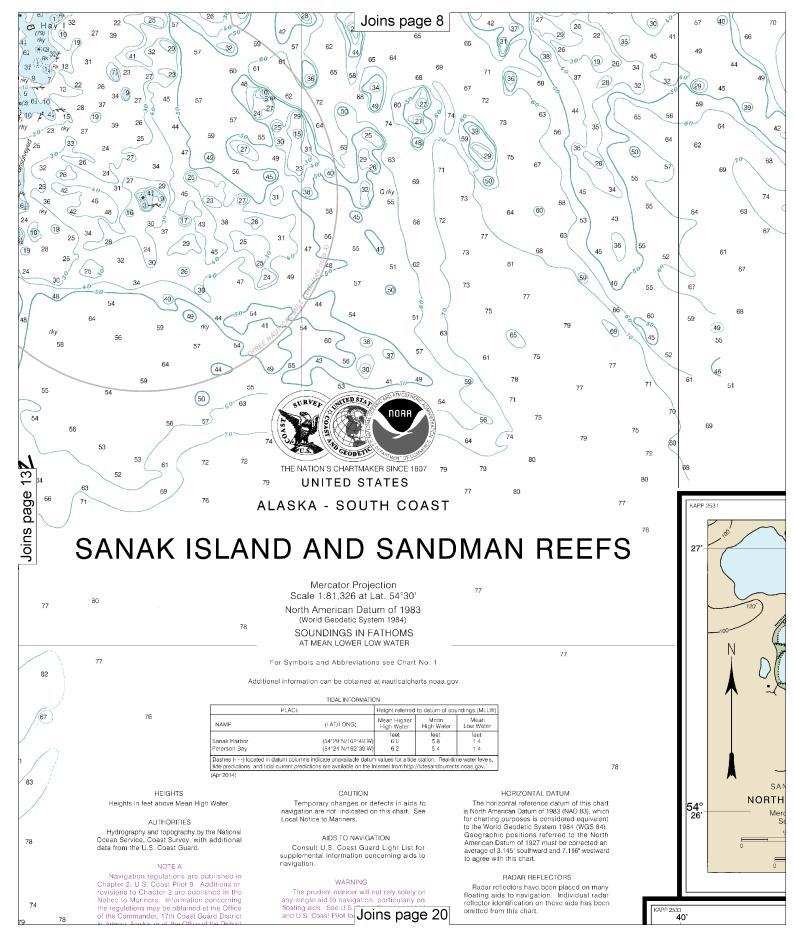
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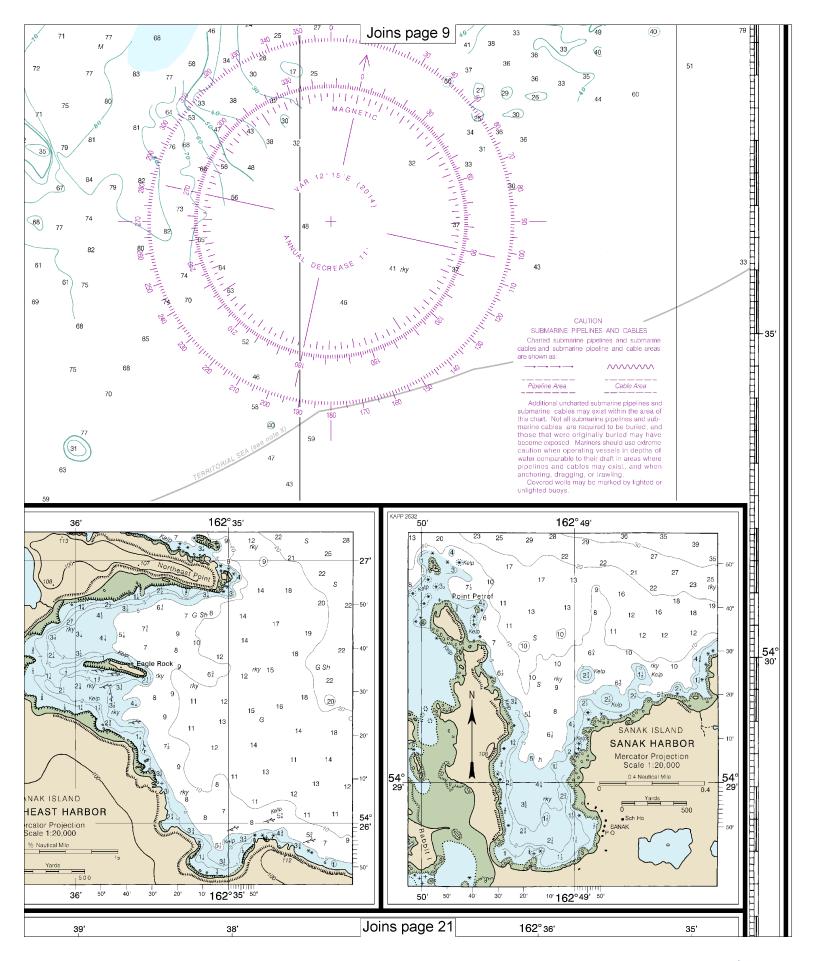


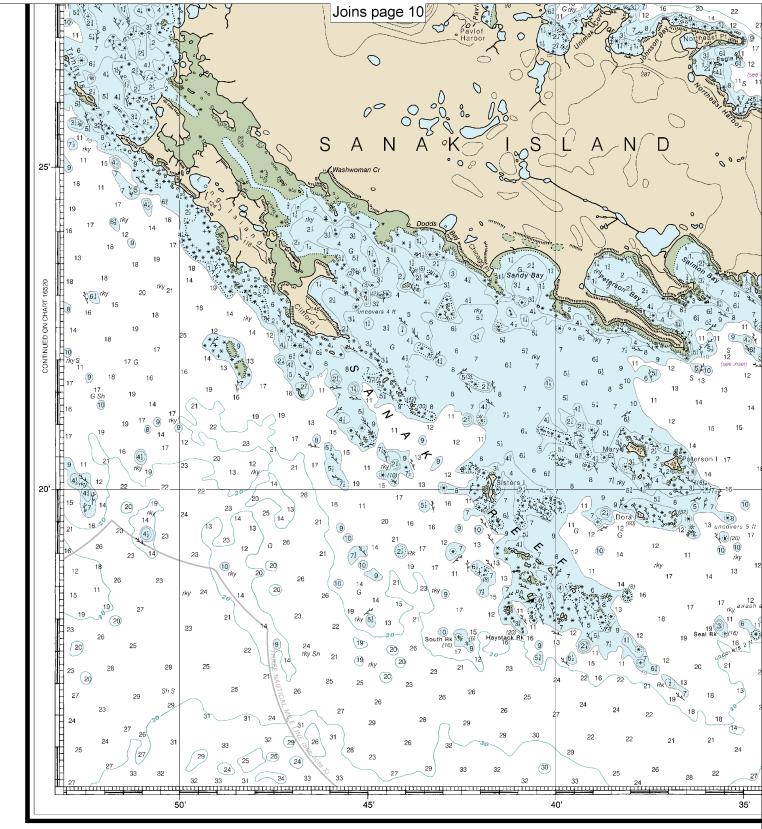
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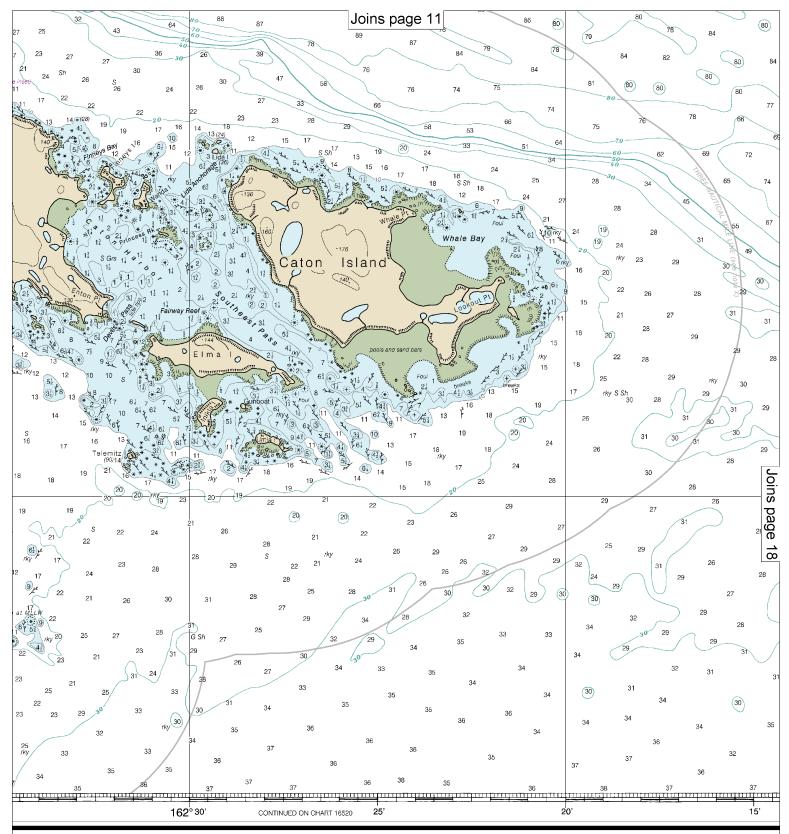
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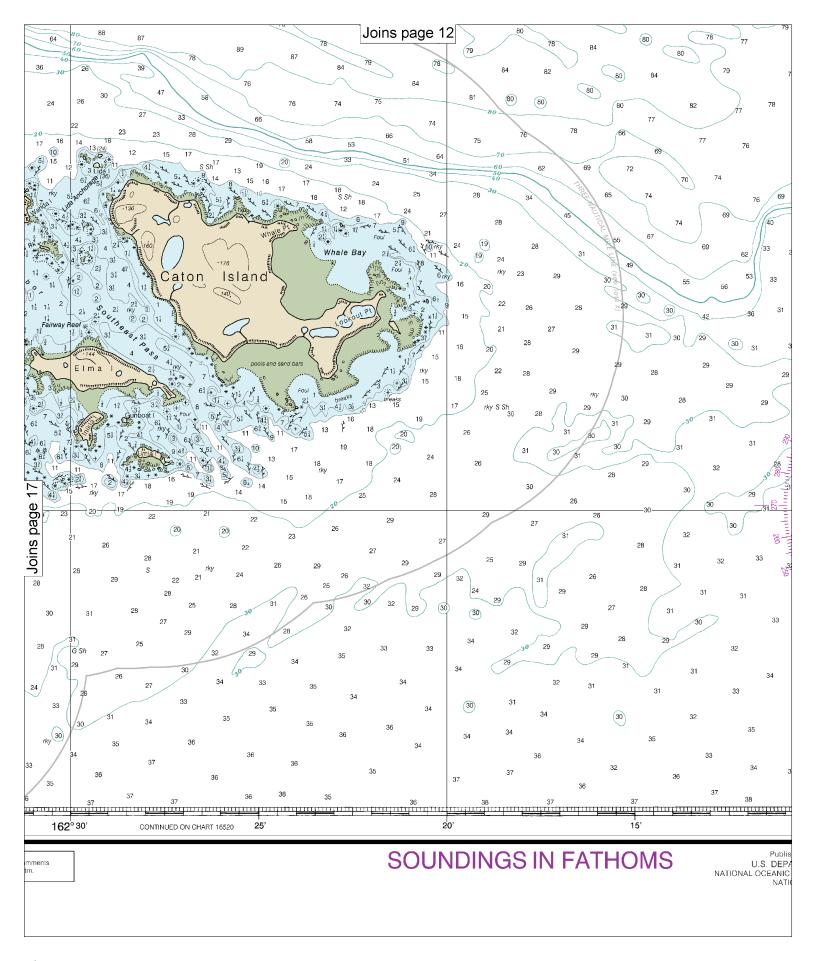
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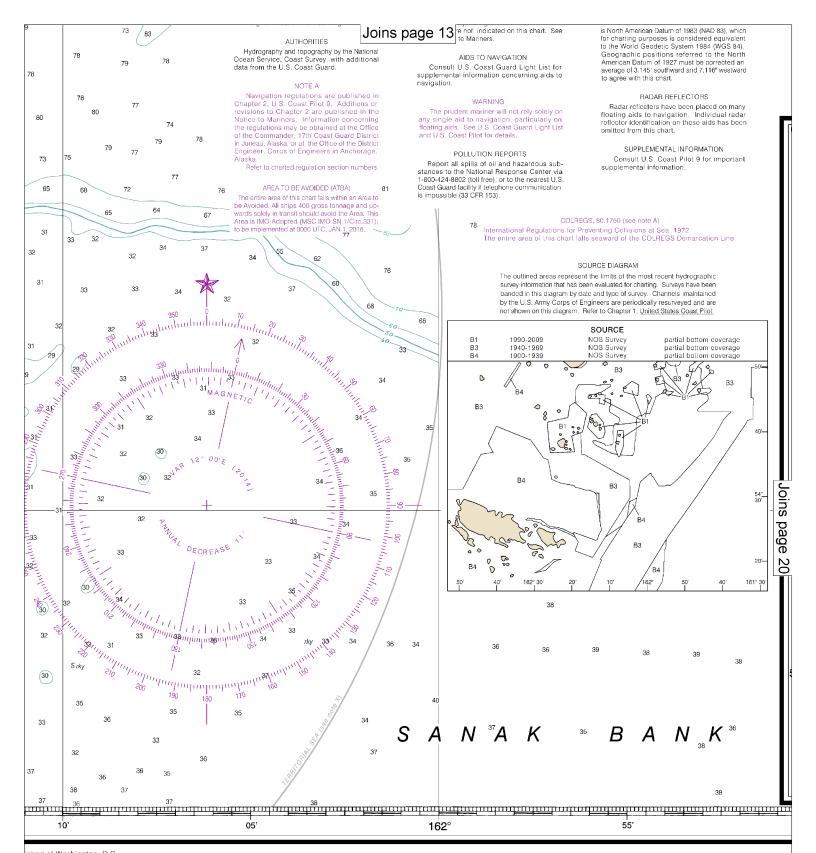


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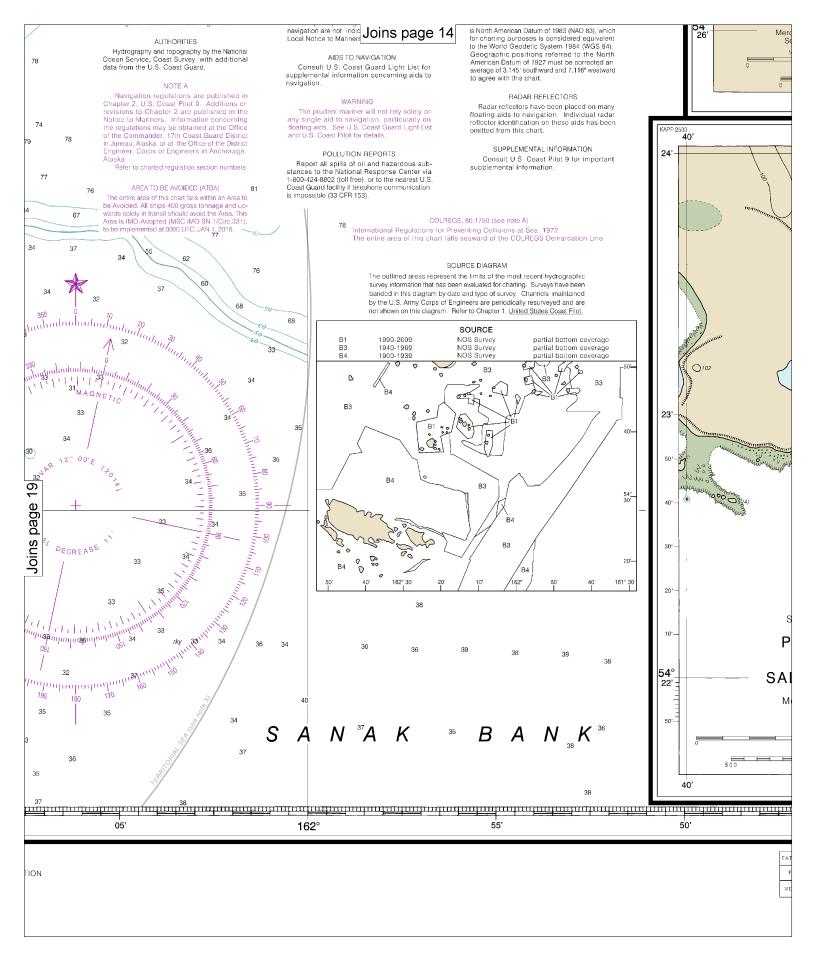
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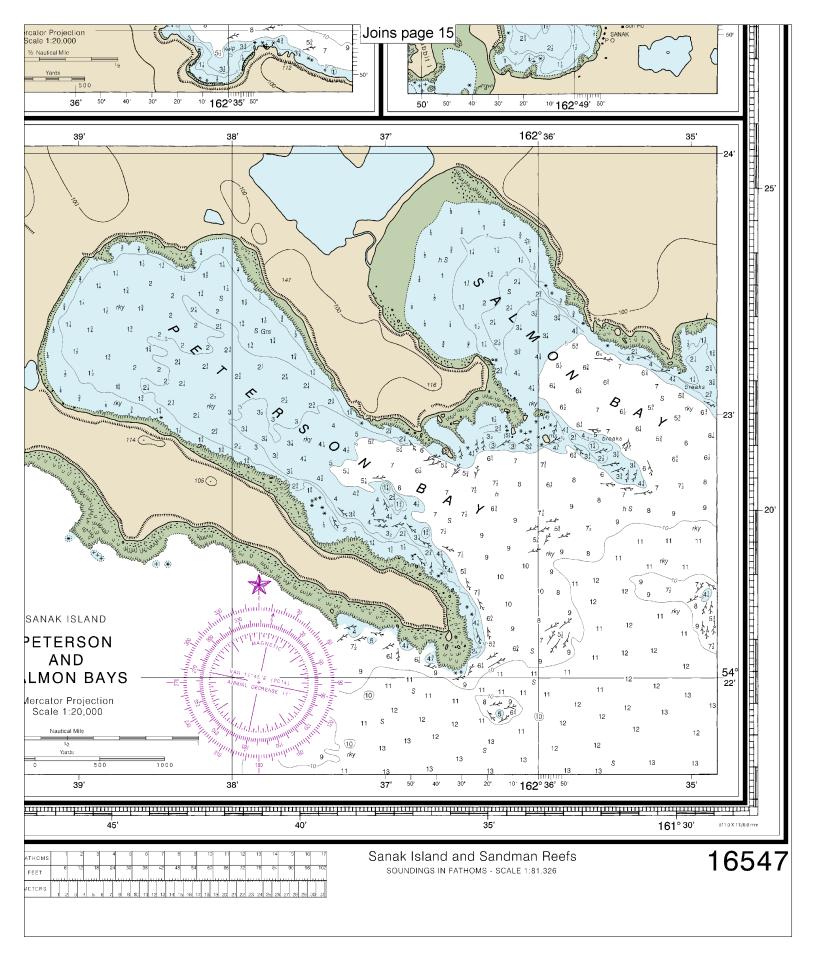






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## VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

**Channel 6** – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

**Channel 16** – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here. Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A – Recreational boat channels.

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### **Distress Call Procedures**

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of

Emergency; Number of People on Board.

- · Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!



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